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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an Examiner's first Action in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Five Times Amended) A nasal dilator for preventing outer wall tissue of nasal passages of a user's nose from drawing in during breathing, comprising:

a flexible truss member having an initial state absent flexure thereof, the truss member including:

a first end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissue of a first nasal passage;

a second end region having an adhesive thereat so as to be adapted to adhesively engage the outer wall tissues of a second nasal passage;

an intermediate segment configured to traverse a portion of the user's nose located between the first and second nasal passages; and

a resilient member having an adhesive substance thereon, the resilient member included in at least a portion of the first and second end regions and the intermediate segment which resilient member is capable, at least in part, of resilient deformation that, through the adhesive substance [in contact therewith] thereon being on a surface

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